



Yukon River News Release



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2006 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #10 Announcement #8, Districts Y-1, 2, 3 and Innoko River subsistence schedules Districts Affected: Lower Yukon River

The preliminary commercial catch in the first District Y-2 opening was 900 kings and 1,100 chum salmon. This was the first opening of the season.

Additional commercial fishing periods will likely be delayed until either June 19 or 20 or later, at the first quarter point of the run.

King salmon run timing is late and appears to be similar to 1984 and 1999 and about 4 days later than 2005. The cumulative test fishing catch-per-unit-effort for king salmon is 1.92 through June 15. Test fishing catches began building June 15th with a catch of 86 kings indicating a large abundance of fish is entering the river as expected.

Districts Y-1, 2, and 3 are currently on their subsistence salmon fishing schedules

District Y-1 subsistence salmon fishing schedule is from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays

There is a temporary change in the subsistence salmon fishing schedule for District Y-2. Due to the commercial fishing period that occurred in District Y-2 on June 15, The regular schedule has been adjusted to make up for time lost. Subsistence salmon fishing in District Y-2 is currently closed, but will reopen at 12:00 noon Saturday, June 17 and remain open until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday June 20.

District Y-3 subsistence salmon fishing schedule is from 8:00 a.m. Fridays until 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Subsistence salmon fishing for the Innoko River is open 7 days per week. Subsistence salmon fishing for the Coastal District is open 7 days a week.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches must be removed from the water and fish wheels may not be operated.

Subsistence salmon fishermen are reminded that the dorsal fin of king salmon taken for subsistence purposes in Districts Y-1, 2, and 3 must be immediately removed upon landing.

Subsistence salmon fishers are encouraged to call in their subsistence catch information to the department in Emmonak.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 907-949-1798. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

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